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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Friday, the 6th March 1959.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Backward areas

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I put the question standing in the name of Sri K. R. Viswanathan, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri K. R. Viswanathan is behind you!

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sorry. I did not see him, Sir.

* 600 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any statistics have been taken with regard to areas economically backward and underdeveloped due to lack of irrigation facilities and non-availability of natural resources in the State;

(*b*) if so, what they are;

(*c*) in what respects they are underdeveloped and backward; and

(*d*) the special steps taken to improve the conditions of the backward and underdeveloped pockets in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) *to* (*d*) The question of determining what is economically a backward area, preparing a list of such areas and formulating measures for their advancement including constitution of Development Boards is under the consideration of the Government.

Villages without schools in the North Arcot District

* 601 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

வடாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் இல்லாத கிராமங்கள் எத்தனை ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : All the villages in the North Arcot District with a population of 500 and above have been provided with schools. Steps have been taken to provide the habitations with a population of 300 and above also with schools.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : சுமார், 50, 60 கிராமங்களுக்கு மேல் 500 ஜனத்தொகைக்கு மேல் இருக்கக்கூடிய கிராமங்களில் சர்க்கார் உதவி இல்லாமலே பல கிராமங்களில் பள்ளிக்கூடம் கட்டி இருந்த போதிலும் திறக்க முடியாத நிலைமை இருக்கிறது. ஆகையால் 500-க்கு